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# ORDER BOOK

of

John Faucheraud Grimké.

August 1778 to May 1780.

(Continued from the January Number)

January 1779                      Head Quarters, Purisburgh.

3: Orders by Major General Lincoln.

Parole, Athol. Countersigns { Anson  
Andrews.

The Troops will immediately after dinner remove to the height near the River at the lower end of the Town where they will take possession of the Camp marked out by the Dep: Quarter Master General.

after orders

The Waggon<sup>s</sup> belonging to each Regiment are daily to supply this respective Corps with wood under the Direction of the Reg<sup>t</sup>: Quarter Masters.

It is expected that officers will use every means in their Power to Prevent the Soldiers from destroying the fences or wantonly injuring the Inhabitants in any respect whatever.

Upon an alarm the Regt<sup>s</sup>: are immediately to Parade in front of their respective Encampments, & there continue under arms, until Orders are given to the Contrary.

Officers Com<sup>d</sup>: Corps will order Vaults to be dug & Privies built around them at convenient distances in the rear of the Encampment

The adjutants of the different Regiments will attend for orders every day at 12 o'Clock, until the Troops are Brigaded.

4: Parole, Countersigns.

5: Regimental Orders by Col<sup>o</sup>: O. Roberts.

The Quarter Master of the Artillery will daily & as early as possible issue Provisions to the Officers & Men of

that Corps. The Coll<sup>o</sup>: & his Servant only excepted; & as soon as conveniently afterwards Forage for the Artillery & Waggon Horses

Com<sup>s</sup>: officers of Companies &c to make Morning Reports daily to the adjutant by 9 oClock precisely, or be answerable to a Court-Martial for their Neglect.

G: O. Parole, Carolina;

Countersigns { Chatham  
Camden

One Serg<sup>t</sup>: One Corp: & 12 Privates from Gen<sup>l</sup>: Rutherford's Brigade to Relieve the Guard of the Hospital, & to take their Order from the [illegible] general:— The Steward of the Hospital is to apply to the Dep: Commissary of the Army for Provisions.

The General has observed a constant firing round the Camp & is concerned to find a custom so unmilitary prevail; it may be productive of the worst Consequences. He therefore forbids the practise in the most positive terms, & officers are desired to use the uttermost vigilance to detect & bring to Punishment every Person offending against this order.

A general Court Martial consisting of one Field officer Six Cap<sup>s</sup>: & Six Sub<sup>s</sup>: to sit immediately for the tryal of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Scott of the Georgia Light Dragoons Pres<sup>t</sup>: Col<sup>o</sup>: Huger. Judge Advocate, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lining.

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6: G: O:

Parole, Dittingham; Countersigns { Dartmouth  
Dunkirk

One Captain Two Subalterns, three Sergeants, three Corporals, and 45 Privates from the Second Brigade to Relieve the Guard at Zubly's Ferry this Morning, & to be visited by a Field Officer from that Brigade, who will make his Report at Head Quarters daily.

A Return is immediately to be made of the Field officers of the two Brigades with the Dates of their Commissions.

Officers of the Day are expected to dine at Head-Quarters in future without a particular Invitation.

All expert Rifle-Men belonging to Gen<sup>l</sup>. Rutherford's Brigade who are provided with Rifles, are to be draughted

into three Companies, & Commanded by such officers as Gen<sup>l</sup>. Rutherford shall appoint from the Line.

The Court-Martial now sitting are authorized to Try all Prisoners that may be brought before them.

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7: R. O. by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts.

A Waggon to be got ready immediately to carry Powder from the Schooner Charlestown Packet to the Magazine

G: O:

Parole, Edenton; Countersign { Elbert  
Edgecombe

The Regimental Waggon are to be appropriated entirely to the use of the respective Battalions, & not to be employed by the D: Q: M: G: in the common use of the Army.

Officers coming off Duty will Report to the Field-officer of the Day the strength of their respective guards, & Picquets. A copy of which being returned to the Commissary, he will supply to each Non-Commissioned Officer & Soldier one Gill of Rum.

All Parties returning from Command and Fatigue are to Receive a like distribution of Rum, a Report being signed by the officer commanding the Party, or (if a Non. Commissioned officer) by the officer of the Day

The Dep: Quartermaster General will make out the encampment of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Brigade (agreable to the Plan of the Inspector) in one line the right supported by the River. As soon as the ground is marked out, the Troops will take possession of it.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Clement Nash is appointed assistant to the Dep: Quarter Master Gen: & is to be obeyed as such.

The Discharge of Three Pieces from the Park of Artillery is to be the Signal of Alarm; when all officers and soldiers will, without relay, repair to their respective Posts.

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8: R: O: Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

M<sup>r</sup> Alexander is appointed to act as Waggon Master to the Corps of Artillery: All Drivers & Waggoners of the Service are to respect & Obey him as such. When the whole of the artillery move, it must be in the following order; by the right Two guns & an ammunition Waggon.

then one gun & another waggon alternately; Capt: Du—  
[illegible] in the rear.

G: O: Parole Fortune.

Countersigns { France  
Friendship

The Detachments sent to assist the vessels up the River are ordered to Return to their respective Regiments.

The Gen: Court Martial for the tryal of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Scott of the Georgia Light Dragoons charged with altering his Captains Commission to that of Major Commandant of the said Corps have found him guilty & sentence him to be reprimanded in presence of the Officers of the Army. But when the General reflects on the nature of the Crime, (upon which He avoids any observation at present) He is constrained to disapprove the Sentence as inadequate to the offence & directs the Court to meet tomorrow Morning at 9 oClock to review the matter.

Francis Kinloch Esq: now acting as a Volunteer in the Army is to be considered as a Confidential officer attendant on Gen: Moultrie: & all orders from the General conveyed thro' him are to be Obeyed & He respected accordingly.

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9: Parole, Countersigns

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10: Parole, Howe, Countersigns { Henderson  
Hampton

G: O: No officer is to make use of the Waggon Horses or send them out of Camp on any pretence whatever, without leave of his Brigadier General.

The Dep: Quarter Master Gen: is to have all the Public Horses branded immediately.

The Waggon Horses are to be constantly fed at the Waggon & kept in geers During the Night.

The General is sorry to find that the Order relative to the burning of fences has not been so strictly attended to as it ought to have been. He once more expressly forbids it; & any Person found sitting by a fire made of rails shall be answerable for the same & punished as the offender.

Waggoners are positively forbid riding their Waggon Horses on any pretense whatever.

The Inspector will review the Continental Troops this Day by Regiments; the two on the right wing at Noon, those on the left & the Georgia Troops at 4 in the afternoon.

After orders

The Sick from Gen: Rutherfords Brigade are to be sent to the fixed Hospital at M<sup>r</sup>: Heywards Plantation where proper care will be taken of them: The Sick from Gen: Moultries Brigade will be sent to the flying Hospital in Purisburgh, where the Regimental Surgeons will Obtain the form of making out Certificates.

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11: G: O:

Parole, Integrity. Countersign  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{John} \\ \text{James} \end{array} \right.$

The North Carolina Brigade is to be paraded for review at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumner's Reg<sup>t</sup>: is to encamp on the left of the 1<sup>st</sup>: Brigade under the direction of the Inspector.

A Return is to be immediately made of the number of Tents in the different Regiments.

General Returns of the two Brigades to be made to the Dep: Adjutant Gen: tomorrow at orderly time.

The Commissary is to serve out flour to the Troops every other Day when it can be procured.

After orders

A guard from the 2<sup>d</sup>: Brigade consisting of One Capt: 2 Sub<sup>t</sup> & 40 Privates to Parade tomorrow at 9 o'clock. They are to receive their orders from the Dep: Adjutant Gen: to march to the Euhaws, ten miles from Purisburgh & to be relieved in a week. The whole army to be in readiness to march tomorrow at 8 o'clock, at which time the Waggon will be loaded & the Quarter Master & Commissary Dep<sup>m</sup><sup>t</sup>. Waggon will be loaded & the Quarter Master & Commissary Departments be ready to move.

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12: G. O:

Parole, Kimbolton. Countersigns  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Kilkenny} \\ \text{Kildare} \end{array} \right.$

Com<sup>e</sup>: officers of Corps are immediately to Complement

their quantity of Ammunition to fifty rounds of Cartridges. [illegible] may be obtained of the Dep: Quarter-Master Gen: [illegible] at the Park of Artillery.

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13: R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

The Quartermaster of the Artillery will deliver to the Quarter Master of each Regiment requiring it One Pound of twine.

The Men of the Artillery to Receive this Day One gill of Rum per man of the Commissary for which the Quartermaster will make a return: as much is to be delivered to Waggoners & Drivers of the same Corps.

G: O: Parole, Lancaster; Countersigns  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Little} \\ \text{Locke} \end{array} \right.$

No Waggons now in Public Service are to be purchased by any individual, nor any Waggons discharged from the service without leave of the general.

The Two Companies of Light Infantry draughted from the North Carolina Militia are immediately to be removed to Purysburgh & to encamp with the Company under the Command of L<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>o</sup>: Lydell on the left of Col: Sumners Regiment.

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14: R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts

The men of the Carolina Artillery are to be equally divided between Capt: Mitchell & Davis: the former with L<sup>t</sup>: Budd to take charge of the Two Guns on the Right of the Park; Capt: Davis with L<sup>t</sup>: Tate are to command the other Two Carolina Pieces. When they move each Division is to have an Ammunition waggon with it.

G: O.

Parole, Manchester. Countersigns  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Melvin} \\ \text{Morris} \end{array} \right.$

The Gen: Court Martial (whereof Col<sup>o</sup>: Huger is President) now sitting for the tryal of all Prisoners that may be brought before them Report Benjamin Fatherie of the 3<sup>d</sup>. Regiment, charged with insolence & abusive Language to the adjutant found guilty & sentenced to be reduced to the Ranks & Receive 50 lashes on the bare back with the Cat of Nine Tails. The General approve the Sentence,

but Remits the Stripes. —Paul Garrison of the 3<sup>d</sup>. Regiment found guilty of Desertion Only & Sentenced to Receive fifty lashes with Switches, the Court in Consideration of his having been punished in the 3<sup>d</sup>. Regiment for Desertion & of the manner of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jarvey's inlisting him, recommend him to mercy; The General approves the Sentence & for the Reasons which induced the court to recommend to Mercy; He remits the Punishment.— Lewis Dominique Lottinger, John Devehier, & Peter Geoffrey all of the 1<sup>st</sup>: Reg<sup>t</sup>: charged with Desertion, found guilty, & sentenced to receive 100 lashes on the bare back with switches.

The General approves the Sentence & Orders They may be Executed tomorrow at Guard Mounting.

W<sup>m</sup>. Fickling of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>t</sup>. Charged with Desertion found Guilty, & sentenced to be Shot to Death. The General approves the Sentence.

15: R: O. by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts.

The Quartermaster will issue Rum this Day in proportion and agreeable to the Order of the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant.

G: O: Parole, Otway. Countersigns { Obey  
Observe

The Sentence of Gen: Court Martial on W<sup>m</sup>. Fickling of the 5<sup>th</sup>. South Carolina Regiment is to be put in Execution on Tuesday Next at 11 oClock in the forenoon.

The Gen: Court Martial (whereof Col<sup>o</sup>. Huger is Pres<sup>t</sup>.) now setting for the tryal of all Prisoners that may be brought before them have sentenced Benjamin Geeso of the 1<sup>st</sup>. South Carolina Battalion (charged with Desertion to which He pleaded guilty) to receive 100 lashes on the bare back with switches

The General approves the Sentence & orders it to be put in Execution next Monday at Guard Mounting.

16. G: O.  
Parole, Countersigns



17: G. O.

Parole, Philadelphía, Countersigns  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Packer} \\ \text{Pinckney} \end{array} \right.$

The Gen: Court Martial whereof Col<sup>o</sup>: Huger is now President, Sitting for the tryal of all Prisoners that shall be brought before them have sentenced Boswell Brown of the 3<sup>d</sup>: Continental Regiment of South Carolina (charged with Stealing £179, 15S. Sterling & found guilty to run the Gauntlope twice thro' the Brigades—which Sentence the General is obliged to disapprove, because it directs a Punishment vague & Uncertain & which may greatly exceed 100 Stripes, the highest Corporal Punishment allowed by the Rules & Articles for the Better Government of the Army. He is exceedingly sorry that the Court after Reconsidering the matter has reduced him to the altarnative of approving a Sentence which He supposes He could not Justify or to suffer the guilty to pass Unpunished (for he cannot mitigate until he first approves) The latter therefore He is constrained to do & orders the Prisoner to Return to his duty. The Gen: Court Martial whereof Col<sup>o</sup>: Huger is President is dissolved.

All the loaded arms which cannot be drawn are to be discharged this afternoon at Retreat Beating.

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18. G: O.

Parole, Quibble Town. Countersigns  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Quin} \\ \text{Quibble} \end{array} \right.$

The Dep: Quartermaster Gen: is to appoint a convenient landing to which all Boats are to be removed & made fast & a Sentry from the Main Guard to be put over them with orders to suffer No Person to Remove either Boats or Oars without an Order from Head Quarters, from the Dep: Quarter Master Gen: or from the Field Officer of the Day.

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19. R: O. by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts.

When the Waggoners or Drivers of the Artillery have any Harness or Guns out of Order or Wanting Repair they are to Apply to the Quarter Master and he to the Quarter Master General who will give proper Orders for mending the same or for the supply of such articles as from time to time may be wanted.

G: O. Parole, Richmond

Countersigns { Rapid  
Report

All deserters from the enemy immediately on their arrival in Camp are to be carried to the Field officer of the Day to be examined, who will Report to the General & if there be any thing material in their Examination, He will bring them to Head Quarters.

The Dep: Quarter Master Gen: is to furnish the different Regiments with Tools which are to be returned as soon as the ditches are dug to carry off the Water from the Encampment.

The Dep: Quarter Master Gen: is to make a Return as soon as possible of the Waggon's including regimental Waggon's, which will be particularly Expressed, & Stores of every kind belonging to the Department.

The Execution of W<sup>m</sup>. Fickling is postponed until 11 o'clock tomorrow Morning.

Three Companies of Expert Riflemen of fifty each with a proper number of Officers to be immediately draughted from Gen<sup>l</sup>: Richardson's Brigade, to act as light Infantry: He will appoint an officer to take the Command of them. They will tomorrow Morning encamp on the ground where the Light Infantry from North Carolina are now encamped.

From Gen: Richardsons Brigade for Fatigue One Serg<sup>t</sup>: One Corp: & 12 Privates to Parade at the Quarter Master Gen<sup>l</sup>: Store at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

A Gen: Court Martial to sit tomorrow morning for the tryal of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Lewis & L<sup>t</sup> Lyttle of the N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina Brigade: President Col<sup>o</sup>: Pinckney. 3 Cap: & 3 Sub<sup>s</sup> from the South Carolina & 3 Cap<sup>s</sup>: & 3 Sub<sup>s</sup>. from Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumners Brigade.

20: R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts.

The Quarter Master will this Day issue Rum as directed by an Order of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst.

The Artillery Quarter Guard to be placed about 40 paces in the front of the Park where a Tent must be pitched for that purpose which be delivered by the Com<sup>d</sup>: Officer.

G: O. Parole, Sullivan. Countersigns { Sinclair  
Spencer

The General Court Martial now sitting are to try L<sup>t</sup>. Charles Alexander of Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumners Regiment.

The General has thought proper to pardon W<sup>m</sup>. Fickling now under Sentence of Death & who was to have been this day Executed: He relies on it that no Encouragement will be taken from this Lenity, or that any in future will transgress from an Expectation that they shall pass with impunity.

The officers of the Main Guard are desired to dine at Head Quarters the day they are relieved.

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21: Parole, Thompson. Countersigns { Telfair  
Taylor

The Gen: Court Martial now sitting are to try all Prisoners that May be brought before them.

Two of the Light Horse are to attend daily at Head Quarters.

The Taptoo [sic] in future will be beat in Camp at 9 oClock until further Orders, at which time the roll must be called & after that no Soldiers suffered to be absent on any pretence whatever.

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23. R. O. by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

A Captain from the Artillery is to be appointed for the Day who will visit the Guard & Sentinels at least thrice each night at proper Hours & make a Verbal Report every Morning to the Com<sup>r</sup>. Officer.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Dufau is to join the Georgia Brigade now under Marching Orders, with his Company & one Field Piece & Receive his orders from L<sup>t</sup>: Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts Commanding officer of that Brigade: what ammunition & Store He may want will be delivered him by the Quarter Master, He giving a receipt for the same.

G: O. Parole. Countersigns {

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24: R. O. by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts.

A gill of Rum to be delivered by the Quarter Master to

each Man, Waggoner, & Driver of the Regiment & Train of Artillery.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell must look on himself as Com<sup>d</sup>. his Company only in Camp, & all Orders delivered by the adjutant must be strictly obeyed by officers as They will answer for the Contrary to a Court Martial.

G: O. Parole. Countersigns

All Non-Commissioned officers & Soldiers are forbid being absent from Camp after retreat Beating & any one transgressing this Order will assuredly be punished at the Discretion of a Court Martial.

A Gen: Court Martial to Sit immediately for the Tryal of all Militia Prisoners of the State of South Carolina: Col<sup>l</sup>: Richardson President. Six Capt: & Six Sub: from the same Corps Members. All Evidence to attend. Doctor Charlton is desired to act as Judge Advocate.

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25. G: O. Parole. Countersigns.

All loaded Arms that cannot be drawn are to be discharged this Evening at Retreat Beating.

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26. G: O. Parole. Countersigns

The General having been informed that different methods of going & Receiving the rounds are practised, for the sake of Uniformity directs the following mode to be adopted. — The Field officer of the Day going the Grand Rounds is to be Escorted by a Party of Two Light Horse Men who are to be paraded at Guard Mounting & receive their Orders from him. When he comes within 20 paces of the Sentry is to Challenge & being answered *Rounds* is to Say *Stand Rounds, Sergeant turn out the Guard*. No round is to advance after the Sentry has Challenged & Ordered to Stand. When the Sentry Calls, the Sergeant is to turn out the Guard with Shouldered Arms & the officer is to put himself at the Head of it: He will then Order the Sentry with a party of Men to advance towards the rounds & Challenge; when the Serg<sup>t</sup> of the Guard comes within Six Paces of the Escort, He is to challenge briskly, the Escort answering *Grand Rounds*, He replies *advance One with the Countersign*. Then One of the Es-

cort advancing alone gives the Serg<sup>t</sup>. the Countersign in his Ear, He then Returns leaving the men He brought with him & informs his officer of the Countersign He received, & if it be right the officer orders the Serg<sup>t</sup>: to Return & bid the officer of the Rounds *Advance & give the Parole*. The Serg<sup>t</sup>: of the Guard then Orders his Men to wheel from the Centre & form a Lane with rested Arms, through which the officer of the rounds advances (his Escort remaining) & whispers the Parole to the officer Com<sup>d</sup>: the Guard. The Rounds are to be received with rested arms.

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27: G: O. Parole. Countersigns

No officer is to carry a Fusil when on Guard. At ½ past 8 o'clock in the Morning the Drummers Call is to be beat on the Right of each Brigade, which will be answered on the Left and alternately to the Center, when the Drum Major observes the Beat has gone thro' the Brigade, he will order one tap of the Drum on the Right which will be answered in like manner from the Right to the Left—then two taps, then three. Immediately after which the Drummers of each Regiment will give three Ruffles & begin the Troop—The same order will be observed at Retreat & Taptoo—beating. As soon as the Troop beats the Adjutants will have the Guards immediately turned out on their Regimental Parades properly Armed & [illegible]—They will then March them to the grand Parade where The Dep: Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. or Brigade-Major of the Day will tell them off and distribute them to the different officers, giving the Commissioned officers Commanding Guards the Parole, and Countersigns & the non Commissioned officers Commanding Guards the Countersign sealed up.

The Field Officer of the day is to be relieved in the Grand parade before the Guards March off.

The officers of the different Guards are to Salute The Field officer of the day as they pass him when marching of the Parade by dropping the point of the Sword.

Corporals are to be attentive in marching their reliefs to prevent their men from straggling or carrying their arms in an unsoldier like manner.

The relief to march with fix'd Bayonets.

R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

All officers are to attend roll calling both morning & evening to this the officer of the Day will attend & Report all neglects

A Drum-head Court Martial to sit immediately for the tryal of Matthew Sullivan confined for Theft by Lieut Jackson. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell Pres<sup>t</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: Budd & Tate Members.

The Quarter Master will deliver Rum to the officers at the Rate of 1 gill p<sup>r</sup>. Day since their arrival

Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: Elliott.

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28. G: O. Parole. Countersigns.

The Field officer of the Day is to Visit the Guard at Zubly's, the Piquet on the River above & the Piquet at the Cross Roads.

A Captain of the Day will be appointed who will be relieved on the Parade at Guard Mounting & Visit such Sub<sup>s</sup>. & Serg<sup>t</sup>: Guards as the Field officers of the Day shall direct.

When the Captain of the Day visits alone, He is to go as Visiting Rounds, but to be received in the same Manner as Grand Rounds.

A Return to be immediately made to the Dep: Adjutant Gen of the Number of Cartridges & loose ball in each Brigade & a Weekly Return of the same to be Made every Monday Morning.

All the lead not Moulded into Bullets which is in possession of the different Regiments is to be returned to the Quarter-Master Gen: to be cast & Receipts to be taken for the quantity delivered.

R: O. by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts.

Com<sup>d</sup>. officers of Companies are to make Returns of the Mens names who have Blankets & particularize those who have not as soon as possible to the Com<sup>d</sup>: Officer

Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell.

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29. G: O. Parole, Countersigns.

R: O by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

The Quarter Master is to take a fatigue Party & Remove the artillery Guns & Timbers about three feet further to the front, where they now stand, & be particularly nice in ranging them on a line

Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Davis

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30. G: O. Parole. Countersigns

Officers of Companies are strictly enjoined to have the arms & ammunition of their Men examined [illegible] at Retreat Beating & to make them accountable for every Cartridge delivered them.

The General is Sorry to observe the great neglect of Orders which too generally prevails in Camp & from which if persisted in the most fatal Consequences will probably ensue: the excessive waste of ammunition & the neglect of making due returns are Instances among many which Justify the Observation. He therefore call for the Exertion of every officer to enforce that Discipline & Obedience to Orders without which no Military operation be conducted with any prospect of success

R: O. officer of the Day tomorrow Cap: L<sup>t</sup>. Elliott.

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31. G: O. Parole. Countersigns

R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell

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*(To be continued)*